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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS MEETING WITH SECRETARY

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1. WE DO NOT WISH TO MAKE AN ISSUE OVER WHO INITIATED SECRETARY-MAKARIOS MEETING OF MAY 5. YOUR APPROACH WITH LOCAL CONTACTS SHOULD THEREFORE BE GOVERNED BY FOLLOWING GUIDANCE TO DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN, WHICH WILL BE USED ON IF-ASKED BASIS (SUBJECT NOT RAISED AT TODAY'S NOON BRIEFING).

2. QUOTE: Q: CAN YOU CONFIRM A REPORT THAT ARCHBISHOP

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MAKARIOS WILL BE COMING TO WASHINGTON IN MAY TO MEET

WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER?

A: ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS OF CYPRUS WILL MAKE A BRIEF UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY, FOLLOWING THE COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN JAMAICA. BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, HE WILL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET IN WASHINGTON WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER ON MAY 5 TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING CYPRUS.

Q: WHOSE IDEA WAS THIS MEETING?

A: (ON BACKGROUND ONLY) THE INITIAL MOVE FOR THE MEETING CAME FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS.

Q: DOES THE SECRETARY HAVE A NEW PLAN OR PROPOSAL TO PUT TO MAKARIOS?

A: THERE IS NO AMERICAN PLAN FOR A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. THE SECRETARY WILL SEE ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AS PART OF THE CONTINUING AMERICAN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE THE PARTIES TO REACH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. UNQUOTE

3. IF DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN NOT ASKED TO CONFIRM MAKARIOS' VISIT BY LATTER PART OF NEXT WEEK, BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE. KISSINGER

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